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MARCH 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Idaho's March 1, 2004 stocks of wheat stored in all positions totaled 26.9 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. On-farm storage was estimated at 8.00 million bushels, 2.00 million bushels less than last year's on-farm total. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 18.9 million bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2003. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 24.8 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. On-farm storage was estimated at 9.00 million bushels, 1.00 million bushels more than the amount on hand March 1, 2003. Off-farm storage was estimated at 15.8 million bushels, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2004, was estimated at 1.02 billion bushels, up 12 percent from last year. On-farm stocks totaled 258 million bushels, up 9 percent from March 1, 2003. Off-farm stocks of 761 million bushels were up 14 percent from a year ago. Barley stored in all positions totaled 151 million bushels, up 23 percent from last year. On-farm stocks were estimated at 51.7 million bushels, up 41 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks accounted for 99.8 million bushels, up 15 percent from last March. Oats stored in all positions totaled 95.1 million bushels, up 15 percent from last year. On-farm stocks were estimated at 45.6 million bushels, up 30 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks accounted for 49.5 million bushels compared to 47.9 million bushels on hand March 1, 2003.

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